

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Yoshiwara et al

Serial No.: 09/818,851

Group Art Unit: 3635

Filed: March 28, 2001

For: Manufacture and use of Earthquake Resistant
Construction Blocks

Examiner: C. M. Green

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 11, 2003.

Reference Used to Reject

A new grounds of rejection under 35 USC 103 has been made. The base reference relied on is E. H. Kirkpatrick, listed as U.S. Patent No. 4,487,578. It is assumed that the name is accurate but that the patent number is wrong. In your applicant's prior art statement, your applicant cited a patent to E. H. Kirkpatrick, U.S. Patent No. 1,487,578, that is believed to now be the reference relied on by the Examiner.

REMARKS

The indication of allowable subject matter in claims 7 and 17 is noted with appreciation.

Claims 1, 2, 6, 8-14, 18 and 19 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kirkpatrick.

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